

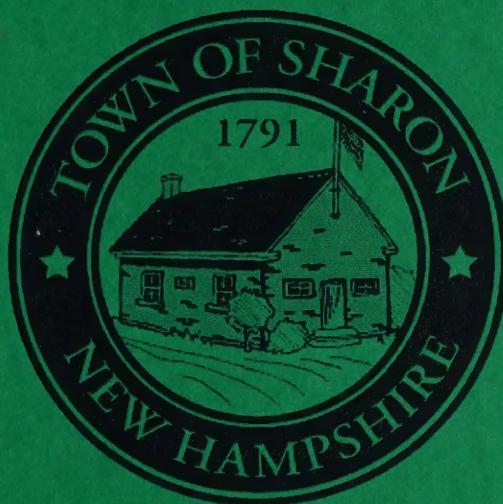
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# Town of Sharon, New Hampshire Annual Report

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For the Year Ending

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# **TOWN OFFICERS**

## **MODERATOR – 2 YEARS**

Hampton Howard  
Rory Goff, Deputy

Term Expires 2012  
Appointed

## **SELECTMEN – 3 YEARS**

Chester S. Bowles, Chairman  
Marc T. LaPlante  
Harry J. Dermody

Term Expires 2011  
Term Expires 2012  
Term Expires 2013

## **SELECTMEN'S ASSISTANT**

Will Fenno

Appointed

## **TOWN CLERK – 1 YEAR**

Mary Ellen Bushnell  
Anne Booth, Deputy

Term Expires 2011  
Appointed

## **TREASURER – 1 YEAR**

Susan Bowles

Term Expires 2011

## **TAX COLLECTOR**

Lisa M. Hall  
Mary Ellen Bushnell, Deputy

Appointed  
Appointed

## **TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS – 3 YEARS**

Laura Bridge  
Tracy Tanner Craig  
John MacEachran

Term Expires 2012  
Term Expires 2013  
Term Expires 2011

## **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST – 6 YEARS**

Susan Bowles  
Pamela Everson  
Elizabeth MacEachran

Term Expires 2012  
Term Expires 2014  
Term Expires 2011

## **PLANNING BOARD – APPOINTED**

Mitchell Call, Chairman  
Matthew Craig  
Gerald DeBonis  
Mark Fernald  
Ted O'Brien

Term Expires 2011  
Term Expires 2013  
Term Expires 2012  
Term Expires 2011  
Term Expires 2013

## **ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT - APPOINTED**

Beth Fernald, Chairman	Term Expires 2013
Diane Callahan	Term Expires 2011
Harry J. Dermody	Term Expires 2011
James Martens	Term Expires 2013
Carole Newton	Term Expires 2011
Hampton Howard, Alternate	Term Expires 2013

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION – APPOINTED**

Anne Booth	Term Expires 2011
Ken Callahan	Term Expires 2013
Ian Coles	Term Expires 2012
Anne Fischer	Term Expires 2011
Donald Hart	Term Expires 2013
John MacEachran	Term Expires 2013
Mitchell Call, Alternate	Term Expires 2012

## **HEALTH OFFICER – APPOINTED**

Board of Selectmen  
Peter Hopkins, Deputy

## **OVERSEER OF PUBLIC WELFARE – APPOINTED**

Donald Hart

## **ROAD AGENT = APPOINTED**

Timothy Keenan  
Peter Paris, Deputy

## BUILDING SITE INSPECTOR – APPOINTED

Timothy Groesbeck

## SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE – 3 YEARS

Barton D. Goodeve Term Expires 2012

## **FOREST FIRE WARDENS – APPOINTED**

Ken Callahan  
Francis Guptill, Deputy  
Peter Paris, Deputy

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR – APPOINTED**

Robert Greenwood  
Marc T. LaPlante, Deputy

## TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

### TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire, in the County of Hillsborough, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Sharon Meeting House in said Town on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 11:00 in the forenoon to ballot for Town Officers and other questions required by law to be decided by ballot. The polls will be closed at 7:00 P.M. The business meeting will start at 8:00 P.M. on the same date at the Sharon Meeting House.

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to set the following amounts which shall be paid to the Town Officers for their services, or take any action relative thereto:

#### COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

Selectmen	\$1,800 per year
Selectmen's Assistant	\$18 per hour
Town Clerk	\$2,800 per year plus fees
Deputy Town Clerk	\$600 per year
Collector of Taxes	\$2,800 per year plus fees
Deputy Collector of Taxes	\$600 per year
Treasurer	\$1,800 per year
Trustees of Trust Funds	\$50 per year
Moderator	\$40 per session
Deputy Moderator	\$450 per year
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$450 per year
Fire Warden	\$150 per year
Deputy Fire Wardens	\$100 per year
Building Site Inspector	\$75 per permit issued
Emergency Management Director	\$500 per year
Emergency Management Director for disaster management	\$25 per hour, not to exceed \$500
Deputy Emergency Management Director	\$250 per year
Deputy Health Officer	\$25 per hour

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the purposes specified, or take any action relative thereto:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
4130	Executive	\$ 20,000
4140	Election and Registration	10,200
4150	Financial Administration	24,000
4153	Legal Expenses	8,000
4191	Planning and Zoning	10,000
4194	General Government Building	2,000
4195	Cemeteries	1,100
4196	Insurance	4,000
4210	Police	75,751
4215	Ambulance	3,617
4220	Fire	44,731
4240	Building Site Inspection	450
4290	Emergency Management	1,900
4300	Highways	79,115
4316	Street Lighting	300
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	26,340
4411	Health Administration	300
4414	Animal Control	300
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	999
4441	Welfare	4,000
4550	Library	5,644
4619	Conservation Commission	520
4711	Principal on Long Term Note	28,262
4721	Interest on Long Term Note	6,729
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation	300
		<hr/> \$ 358,558

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,400 for appraisal services including general assessing, data verification and statistical update, Account 4150, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 to be placed in the Assessment Reserve Fund, Account 4915.5 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the purchase of non-volatile shelving for the Meeting House archive room, Account 4194, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Legal Expense Fund, Account 4915.7 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Fund, Account 4915.2 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Highway Repairs Fund, Account 4915.3 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

**ARTICLE 10.** To transact any other business which legally shall come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal at said Sharon, this 15th day of February, 2011.



Chester S. Bowles

SELECTMEN OF SHARON



Marc T. LaPlante



Harry J. Dermody

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF: SHARON

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011

or Fiscal Year From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## **IMPORTANT:**

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

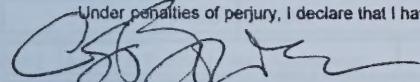
1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

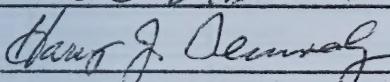
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### **GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)**

*Please sign in ink.*

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.





**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

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NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
 MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
 (603)271-3397

## Budget - Town of SHARON

FY 2011

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>						
4130-4139	Executive	3	19,000	18,933	20,000	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics	3	10,200	10,358	10,200	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	3	22,500	29,412	24,000	
4152	Revaluation of Property					
4153	Legal Expense	3	4,000	3,148	8,000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration					
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	3	2,000	1,309	10,000	
4194	General Government Buildings	3	4,000	2,718	2,000	
4195	Cemeteries	3	1,000	875	1,100	
4196	Insurance	3	4,000	3,542	4,000	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.					
4199	Other General Government					
<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>						
4210-4214	Police	3	74,714	74,399	75,751	
4215-4219	Ambulance	3	4,170	4,170	3,617	
4220-4229	Fire	3	44,552	44,552	44,731	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	3	450	225	450	
4290-4298	Emergency Management	3	1,900	1,249	1,900	
4299	Other (Incl. Communications)					
<b>AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER</b>						
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
<b>HIGHWAYS &amp; STREETS</b>						
4311	Administration	3	16,500	16,738	19,115	
4312	Highways & Streets	3	58,000	46,903	60,000	
4313	Bridges					
4316	Street Lighting	3	350	233	300	
4319	Other					
<b>SANITATION</b>						
4321	Administration					
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	3	38,500	38,500	26,340	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					

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Acct #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>WATER DISTRIBUTION &amp; TREATMENT</b>						
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other					
<b>ELECTRIC</b>						
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
<b>HEALTH</b>						
4411	Administration	3	300	0	300	
4414	Pest Control	3	300	240	300	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	3	996	993	999	
<b>WELFARE</b>						
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	3	4,000	1,500	4,000	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
<b>CULTURE &amp; RECREATION</b>						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation					
4550-4559	Library	3	5,508	5,304	5,644	
4583	Patriotic Purposes					
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
<b>CONSERVATION</b>						
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources					
4619	Other Conservation	3	410	447	520	
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>						
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	27,231	27,243	28,262	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	3	7,760	7,748	6,729	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	3	300	0	300	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service					

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Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	OP Bud. Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>						
4901	Land					
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment					
4903	Buildings					
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.					
<b>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</b>						
4912	To Special Revenue Fund					
4913	To Capital Projects Fund					
4914	To Enterprise Fund					
	- Sewer					
	- Water					
	- Electric					
	- Airport					
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds					
4919	To Fiduciary Funds					
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL</b>			352,641	340,739	358,558	

Use page 5 for special and individual warrant articles.

**\*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3,VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriation to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trust funds; 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

1 Acct. #	2 PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	3 Warr. Art.#	4 Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	5 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	6 Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	7 Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund					
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds					
4915	Assessment Reserve	5	2,400	2,400	2,400	
4915	Legal Expense Res.	7	2,000	2,000	4,000	
4915	Bridge Res. Fund	8	10,000	10,000	10,000	
4915	Highway Repair Fund	9	10,000	10,000	10,000	
4903	Generator		12,710	12,665	0	
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			37,110		26,400	

**\*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\***

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". Individual warrant articles might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

1 Acct. #	2 PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	3 Warr. Art.#	4 Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	5 Actual Expenditures Prior Year	6 Appropriations Ensuing FY (Recommended)	7 Appropriations Ensuing FY (Not Recommended)
4150	Assessing	4	4,400	5,988	6,400	
4194	Archive Shelves	6			2,000	
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			4,400		8,400	

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>TAXES</b>					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund				
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		672	672	1,300
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		6,200	6,958	6,000
	Inventory Penalties		520	520	450
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		97	82	137
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>					
3210	Business Licenses & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		52,240	61,992	60,000
3230	Building Permits		225	225	450
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		5,000	3,832	3,500
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
<b>FROM STATE</b>					
3351	Shared Revenues				
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		17,089	17,080	17,089
3353	Highway Block Grant		19,516	19,516	21,782
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		213	213	213
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		15	15	0
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>					
3401-3406	Income from Departments				
3409	Other Charges				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		330	418	420
3503-3509	Other				

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Acct. #	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>					
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)				
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds	6	12,710	12,665	0
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amount Voted From Fund Balance				
	Estimated Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes				
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE &amp; CREDITS</b>			114,827	124,188	111,341

**\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\***

	Prior Year	Ensuing Year
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	352,641	358,558
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	37,110	26,400
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	4,400	8,400
<b>TOTAL Appropriations Recommended</b>	<b>394,151</b>	<b>393,358</b>
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	114,827	111,341
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	279,324	282,017

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of \_\_\_\_\_

TAX COLLECTOR

Year Ending \_\_\_\_\_

12/31/2010

## DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR*		LEVY FOR YEAR 2010	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2009	2008	2007+
Property Taxes	#3110	XXXXXX	\$ 44,216.18	\$ 433.92	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185		\$ 31.40	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	#3189		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes			\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Years' Credits Balance**			\$ 0.00		
This Year's New Credits			(\$ 2,688.15)		

## TAXES COMMITTED THIS FISCAL YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	\$ 1,075,954.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	#3120	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	#3185	\$ 0.00	\$ 671.98
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	\$ 0.00	\$ 96.82
Utility Charges	#3189	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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## OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS

Property Taxes	#3110				
Resident Taxes	#3180				
Land Use Change	#3120				
Yield Taxes	#3185				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187				
Credits Refunded		\$ 2,688.15	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	\$ 483.71	\$ 2,542.56	\$ 140.96	\$ 0.00
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>		<b>\$ 1,076,437.71</b>	<b>\$ 47,558.94</b>	<b>\$ 574.88</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

\*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

\*\*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's taxes pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

\*\*The amount is already included in the warrant and therefore in line #3110 as a positive amount for this year's levy.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
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 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

For the Municipality of

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Year Ending

12/31/2010**CREDITS**

REMITTED TO TREASURER	LEVY FOR YEAR 2010	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2009	2008	2007+
Property Taxes	\$ 1,030,894.10	\$ 15,488.82	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 671.98	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Penalties	\$ 483.71	\$ 2,542.56	\$ 140.96	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 81.58	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Converted To Liens (Principal only)	\$ 0.00	\$ 28,758.76	\$ 433.92	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Discounts Allowed	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Prior Year Overpayments Assigned	\$ 0.00			

**ABATEMENTS MADE**

Property Taxes	\$ 199.20	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**UNCOLLECTED TAXES – END OF YEAR #1080**

Property Taxes	\$ 44,860.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Resident Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Land Use Change Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Timber Yield Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	\$ 0.00	\$ 15.24	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Utility Charges	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Betterment Taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Property Tax Credit Balance*</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>xxxxxx</b>	<b>xxxxxx</b>	<b>xxxxxx</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 1,076,437.71</b>	<b>\$ 47,558.94</b>	<b>\$ 574.88</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

\*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.

(Be sure to indicate a positive amount in the Property Taxes actually remitted to the treasurer.)

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT**

For the Municipality of

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Year Ending

12/31/2010**DEBITS**

<b>UNREDEEMED &amp; EXECUTED LIENS</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>PRIOR LEVIES</b>		
		<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007+</b>
Unredeemed Liens Beginning of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 13,332.80	\$ 5,115.23
Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 31,335.96	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens Beg. of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Elderly Liens Executed During FY	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Interest & Costs Collected	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,355.47	\$ 2,589.38	\$ 1,950.00
<b>TOTAL LIEN DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 32,691.43</b>	<b>\$ 15,922.18</b>	<b>\$ 7,065.23</b>

**CREDITS**

<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>PRIOR LEVIES</b>		
			<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007+</b>
Redemptions		\$ 0.00	\$ 17,130.59	\$ 11,992.95	\$ 5,115.23
Interest & Costs Collected	#3190	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,355.47	\$ 2,589.38	\$ 1,950.00
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Liens Deeded to Municipality		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Liens End of FY	#1110	\$ 0.00	\$ 14,205.37	\$ 1,339.85	\$ 0.00
Unredeemed Elderly Liens End of FY		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL LIEN CREDITS</b>		<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>\$ 32,691.43</b>	<b>\$ 15,922.18</b>	<b>\$ 7,065.23</b>

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? Yes

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the information contained in this form and to the best of my belief it is true, correct and complete.

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE

Lisa M. Hall

DATE 1/18/2011

## Account Summary Sharon Trustees of Trust Funds December 31, 2010

23 Accounts (sorted on account number in date)				
Account Nbr	Account Name	Posted Balance	Portfolio	
NH-01-0449-0001	WIRLING GREGG FUND	\$324.08	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0002	NEWTON FAMILY CEM	\$166.59	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0003	ROYCE CEMETERY	\$326.73	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0004	BACON CEMETERY	\$652.15	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0005	JOHN B. SHEDD CEM	\$491.58	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0006	WAITE E. WILSON	\$539.37	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0007	FLOSSIE E. WILSON	\$539.37	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0008	EDITH WILSON	\$860.51	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0009	D&C WILSON CEMETERY	\$138.50	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0010	ELLEN A. WILSON	\$653.02	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0011	KENTON M. YOUNG CEM	\$652.39	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0012	G&MR WILSON CEMETERY	\$137.09	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0013	TAYLOR FAMILY CEM	\$0.00	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0014	KEENE FAMILY CEM	\$425.33	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0015	DONAWAY FAMILY TRUST	\$386.95	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0016	WILSON FUND (MCCOY)	\$9,089.82	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0017	WILSON FUND(JARMANY)	\$7,191.92	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0018	WM YOUNG-SCHOOLHOUSE	\$3,208.16	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0019	WILSON II FUND	\$36,280.89	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0020	CEMETERY COMMON TRUST FUND	\$4,311.64	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0021	INDEMNIFICATION RESERVE FUND	\$5,026.54	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0023	BRIDGE RESERVE FUND	\$73,430.66	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0024	ROAD MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND	\$63,981.27	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0026	ASSESSMENT RESERVE FUND	\$4,512.39	New Hampshire PDIP	
NH-01-0449-0027	LEGAL EXPENSE FUND	\$2,002.81	New Hampshire PDIP	
<b>Total Posted Balance</b>		<b>\$215,329.76</b>		

**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Sharon, New Hampshire

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010 included in the accompanying Form F-65 (MS-5). We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance about whether the financial statements are in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compilation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The objective of a compilation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

The financial report, Form F-65 (MS-5), is presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

*Vachon Clukay & Company PC*

February 21, 2011

## Part III GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

## MODIFIED ACCRUAL

A. ASSETS	Account No. (a)	Beginning of year (b)	End of year (c)
<b>1. Current assets</b>			
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	\$ 377,027	\$ 448,757
b. Investments	1030		
c. Taxes receivable (From Section D, page 12)	1080	44,682	44,876
d. Tax liens receivable (From Section D, page 12)	1110	17,948	15,045
e. Accounts receivable	1150		
f. Due from other governments	1260	25,365	17,089
g. Due from other funds	1310		
h. Other current assets	1400		
i. Tax deeded property (subject to resale)	1670		
j. <b>TOTAL ASSETS (Should equal line B3) →</b>		\$ 465,022	\$ 525,767
<b>B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>			
<b>1. Current liabilities</b>			
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$ 10,211	\$ 10,051
b. Compensated absences payable	2030		
c. Contracts payable	2050		
d. Due to other governments	2070		
e. Due to school districts	2075	311,292	349,042
f. Due to other funds	2080	7,623	7,623
g. Deferred revenue	2220		
h. Notes payable - Current	2230		
i. Bonds payable - Current	2250		
j. Other payables	2270		
k. <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES →</b>		\$ 329,126	\$ 366,716
<b>2. Fund equity (Please detail on page 10)</b>			
a. Assigned (formerly reserve for encumbrances)	2440	\$	\$
b. Committed (formerly reserve for continuing appropriations)	2450		
c. Restricted (formerly reserve for appropriations voted for CRF/ETF)	2460		
d. Committed (formerly reserve for appropriations voted)	2460		
e. Assigned (formerly reserve for special purposes)	2490		
f. Unassigned (formerly unreserved fund balance)	2530	135,896	159,051
g. <b>TOTAL FUND EQUITY →</b>		\$ 135,896	\$ 159,051
<b>3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY →</b>			
<i>(Should equal line A1j) →</i>		\$ 465,022	\$ 525,767

See accompanying independent accountant's compilation report

**TOWN CLERK REPORT**  
**Year ending 12/31/2010**

<b>Month</b>	<b>*Auto Registrations</b>	<b>MA Fees</b>	<b>Dog Licenses</b>	<b>Misc. Income</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Total Collected</b>
January	7120.00	201.00	32.50	0.00	0.00	<b>7353.50</b>
February	2748.00	93.00	41.50	5.00	0.00	<b>2887.50</b>
March	4686.00	111.00	91.00	2.50	0.00	<b>4890.50</b>
April	4599.00	198.00	208.50	22.00	0.00	<b>5027.50</b>
May	3902.00	108.00	100.00	47.50	0.00	<b>4157.50</b>
June	5593.00	132.00	84.50	56.00	0.00	<b>5865.50</b>
July	5166.00	132.00	54.50	27.50	0.00	<b>5380.00</b>
August	7248.00	204.00	8.50	5.00	0.00	<b>7465.50</b>
September	2833.00	51.00	9.00	2.00	0.00	<b>2895.00</b>
October	5951.00	147.00	13.00	7.50	0.00	<b>6118.50</b>
November	6869.00	171.00	6.50	27.00	-60.00	<b>7013.50</b>
December	5534.00	93.00	28.00	53.50	0.00	<b>5708.50</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>62249.00</b>	<b>1641.00</b>	<b>677.50</b>	<b>255.50</b>	<b>-60.00</b>	<b>64763.00</b>

\*Includes municipal fees and town clerk fees (\$1/registration; \$2/title).

Motor vehicle registrations issued: 546

Vital records issued: 10

Residents may come to the Sharon Meeting House to obtain copies of certificates of Birth, Marriage, and Death. Residents may also apply for a Marriage license.

Dog licenses issued: 108

All dogs and wolf hybrids must have a current rabies certificate on file with the town and be licensed by April 30, 2010. Per RSA 466:13, a penalty of \$25 will be imposed for any dog or wolf hybrid not licensed by June 1, 2010.

**Office hours: Tuesdays, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., and by appointment, at the Sharon Meeting House.**

Mary Ellen Bushnell, Town Clerk  
Anne Booth, Deputy Town Clerk.

Office: 924-9250      Home: 924-3029

The above information is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Bushnell, Town Clerk

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**DIVISION OF VITAL RECORDS ADMINISTRATION**

--SHARON--

01/01/2010 – 12/31/2010

**RESIDENT BIRTH REPORT**

<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Date Of Birth</b>	<b>Place Of Birth</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Name</b>
Galbraith, Kiran Patrick	01/29/2010	Keene, NH	Galbraith, Patrick	Galbraith, Ruth
Weichel, Charlize Ann	05/09/2010	Peterborough, NH	Weichel, Carl	Weichel, Michelle
McClelland, Tienna Grace	06/21/2010	Peterborough, NH	McClelland, Timothy	McClelland, Cheryl

**RESIDENT MARRIAGE REPORT**

<b>Person A's Name</b>	<b>Person A's Residence</b>	<b>Person B's Name</b>	<b>Person B's Residence</b>	<b>Town of Issuance</b>	<b>Place of Marriage</b>	<b>Date of Marriage</b>
Barkley, Jeffrey	Sharon, NH	Cook, Colleen C	Sharon, NH	Sharon	Jaffrey	06/12/2010
Lumsden, Scott K		Estabrook, Linda A	Sharon, NH	Jaffrey	Jaffrey	08/28/2010

**RESIDENT DEATH REPORT**

<b>Decedent's Name</b>	<b>Death Date</b>	<b>Death Place</b>	<b>Father's Name</b>	<b>Mother's Maiden Name</b>	<b>Military</b>
Wilson Jr., John	05/22/2010	Peterborough, NH	Wilson, John	Eldridge, Ida	N
Dermody, Sally	05/22/2010	Sharon, NH	Parsons, Alden	Murphy, Theresa	N

## **From the Selectmen - 2010**

Reading through the report from the Planning Board, we are reminded that work was completed on several significant issues in 2010: the Workforce Housing Ordinance; various site review procedures; and regulations dealing with earth excavations.

The Workforce Housing Ordinance adopted at Town Meeting last March was a response to the state requirement that each town have provisions for affordable housing. Then, in October, we approved the Earth Excavation Regulations.

Both are very complicated issues. And, yes, attending meetings and spending countless hours in research, writing and revising documents can be tedious. However, with the application for the large gravel operation on Swamp Road, we are all now witnessing first-hand the importance of having appropriate and well thought out regulations in place.

Which brings us to issues that we should address in 2011. Quoting from an article that appeared in the *Monadnock Ledger-Transcript*:

Sharon's current zoning regulations do not permit apartments or any secondary dwelling units. While those regulations are absolutely clear and unambiguous, we know circumstantially of several existing properties that have been modified to allow for apartments. Some of these modifications are relatively new; others have existed for decades.

Last year's efforts on the Workforce Housing regulations highlighted the issue of non-compliant apartments. How do we account for housing that might qualify under the provisions of the Workforce Housing regulations when those housing units are not permitted under Sharon's zoning regulations? How do we insure that health and safety standards are met? And how do we do this in a way that provides appropriate regulation without imposing undue burdens on property owners or enforcement difficulties for the town? The Planning Board has developed draft regulations for Accessory Dwelling Units—those regulations will be considered in 2011.

Finally, a number of years ago Sharon adopted fairly stringent zoning regulations dealing with communications towers and structures. When those regulations were adopted, very few people had mobile phones and those phones were large, bulky devices that were permanently installed in a vehicle. Now, with the proliferation of smartphones and highly portable computing devices, the need to "stay connected" is not only a matter of convenience, it is a matter of life and safety. Anyone who lives in Sharon or travels our roads and highways knows that cell coverage is sporadic. The paucity of coverage even limits the options we have for Internet service. The Planning Board has begun work to update the zoning regulations dealing with communications towers.

Important issues, all. The good news is that we have wonderfully dedicated people serving on all our boards and committees. But we can always use more help. Please contact any town official if you are interested in serving on one of our boards or committees. You would be welcomed with open arms.

Turning to more upbeat topics....First, we are happy to report that the generator approved at Town Meeting last year has been purchased and installed. Although it took much longer than we had hoped, having the generator in place completes a major goal of the Building Committee as we developed plans for the Meeting House. So, whether it is a hot shower, a source of drinking water, or a place to sleep and cook, we now have a fully functional emergency location in Sharon.

Next, the Sharon News Group—the email list used to provide news and information to Sharon residents—has grown to 70 names. This means that we now have a process to reach approximately half of the households in town very quickly. Very useful for general news and information; exceptionally useful in the event of an emergency. Please contact either Rory Goff or Chet Bowles if you wish to be added to the list.

Finally, although he asked for no fanfare, we cannot let this moment pass without recognizing Will Fenno for his decade of service as Assistant to the Selectmen. Will took on this role during a very difficult time. Records were either non-existent or in total disarray and there was no formalized process for following the provisions imposed on us by the state and its many regulatory agencies. Very quietly and often behind the scenes, Will has brought order and discipline to Sharon town government. We offer Will our sincere and heartfelt thanks for his help and support over the years. Perhaps Will said it best when he said that he is looking forward to his "...promotion from public service to citizen." Enjoy your promotion, Will.

Again, we are forever grateful to each and every one of you for your efforts on behalf of our little town. Sharon is a wonderful place to live, isn't it?

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Bowles, Chair

Marc LaPlante

Harry Dermody

## 2010 Annual Report of the Sharon Planning Board

With the passage of the Workforce Housing Ordinance at the Town Meeting of March 2010, the Planning Board devoted the majority of their meetings to the revisions to the Site Plan Review Regulations and Site Plan Review Regulations Governing Earth Excavations. Site Plan Review required revisions to allow the Board to consider any Workforce Housing proposal brought before them, and the Earth Excavation Regulations to correct deficiencies in our regulations and to conform to State law as defined in RSA 155-E. Both of these regulations were approved after the required Public Hearings, duly posted and convened on October 26, 2010. The Board concurrently approved revised application forms for these two regulations, both of which include extensive check-lists to aid the applicant and the Board in all aspects of their reviews.

The Board also adopted a comprehensive Rules of Procedures, which outlines the duties, responsibilities and procedures to be followed when conducting business. The only application brought before the Board was a simple lot line adjustment, so that the Board was able to work on a proposed ordinance for Ancillary Housing Units and revisions to the Telecommunications Facilities Regulations, both of which are considered priority for 2011.

The Board especially wants to acknowledge the many years of assistance and contributions that Will Fenno has given to the Town of Sharon in his many roles, as Selectman, later as Selectmen's Assistant, Secretary to the Planning Board and as an alternate member of the Planning Board. His knowledge and commitment has been instrumental in all of our endeavors.

I wish to thank the members of the Planning Board and our retiring secretary for their hard work, dedication and patience throughout the year. The current board includes Mark Fernald (Vice-Chairman), Gerald DeBonis, Ted O'Brien and Matt Craig.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mitchell Call, Chairman

## **ROAD AGENT'S REPORT**

The Road Agent is responsible for a variety of projects large and small, such as patrolling roads, checking signs and culverts, repairing road damage, grading dirt roads in spring, checking visibility of intersections, sweeping roads of sand and debris, inspecting bridges, performing driveway inspections, issuing overweight permits, attending classes, ordering winter sand and salt, ordering new signs, taking calls from residents, dealing with beavers, mowing roadsides, attending selectmen's meetings to discuss scheduling of paving and repairs, performing winter road clearing and dealing with F.E.M.A.

In 2010 we were able to secure over \$7,000 for the town through F.E.M.A., and were able to fix and repave a culvert on Mill Road and reconstruct a shoulder on Nashua Road, as well as remove debris and dangerous trees from Spring Hill Road. This past year saw new signs for summer use only on Swamp, South and Mountain Roads. We even had a dedication: the Highway Building was dedicated to Peter Paris and a suitable plaque added to the building. Late summer saw preventive maintenance in the filling of cracks along Nashua Road, and leaves and debris were removed from several side roads in the fall.

There are more projects lined up for the new year, including the widening of a section of Temple Road and drainage and culvert repair on Spring Hill Road.

I am a member of the N.H. Public Works Mutual Aid Program. This program allows towns to tap into assets of distant municipalities to strengthen community infrastructure.

Due to the constant rise in material and labor costs, I urge you to support the Bridge and Highway Repair Fund warrant articles.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Keenan, Road Agent

## **TOWN OF SHARON WINTER ROAD POLICY** **(Revised 2005)**

**A written policy is essential to receive the full benefit of the liability protection found in RSA 231:92-a.**

Sharon's Winter Road Policy is to make our roads as safe as possible during the winter season.

The roads maintained by the Town of Sharon during the winter are: Nashua Road, Temple Road, Greenleaf Road, McCoy Road, Cross Road, Sliptown Road, Spring Hill Road from the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Jaffrey/Sharon town line and Mill Road.

The following Town roads are designated as "highways to summer cottages" per RSA 231:81, I and are closed from December 10 to April 10: that portion of South Road extending northerly from the driveway at number 1 South Road, that portion of Swamp Road extending northerly from the driveway at number 31 Swamp Road, and that portion of Mountain Road extending northerly from the driveway at number 9 Mountain Road to the driveway at number 220 Mountain Road.

State maintained roads are: Route 123, Route 124, Jarmany Hill Road, and Spring Hill Road from the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Sharon/Peterborough town line.

Sharon's school bus route will be maintained first because of the need to have our roads as safe as possible for the transportation of our students.

Sharon does not use a large amount of salt. Therefore, our roads, depending on conditions, may be ice and snow covered for a period of time. The town will do its best to remove as much as possible from road surfaces by means of a grader or other equipment.

**Per order of the Selectmen pursuant to RSA 41:11, the town has adopted a Winter Parking Ordinance which states that:**

No person shall park any vehicle upon any Town highway at any time of the day between November 15<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup>. Violation of this ordinance shall be deemed to be the responsibility of the registered owner of the vehicle.

Each date during or on which a violation shall occur or continue shall be considered a separate offense. The penalty for each violation shall be \$25.00. Unlawfully parked vehicles may be towed and stored at the expense of the registered owner.

If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.

The purpose of this winter parking ban is to allow winter maintenance crews unobstructed snow removal and ice control methods, as much as possible, to maintain the maximum effectiveness of their efforts.

Per RSA 231:93, no duty is imposed on the town for the maintenance of private roads, drives, businesses or parking areas.

Plowing our roads will not commence until snow has accumulated to a sufficient amount, unless slippery road conditions occur first. Roads will continue to be plowed according to the accumulation of snow as determined by the Road Agent. Four inches of a "cold" snow provides better traction than two inches of wet snow on a frozen road surface.

After plowing, roads will be sanded and salted if necessary, to help the covered roads melt and make our roads safe. It should be noted that salt melts snow and ice much more slowly at temperatures below 25 degrees and extremely slowly at 20 degrees; at 10 degrees its effectiveness ceases, and icy conditions will prevail until the temperature rises.

Driveway plowing across Town roads will not be allowed. This narrows the road and compacts the snow bank, making it much more difficult for our contractors to plow and push back snow. This will be enforced by the Road Agent.

During the course of the winter, as snow depths increase and our roads get narrower, roads will be widened and snow pushed off to the sides as much as possible.

The town has one part-time Road Agent who engages the services of contractors to carry out its winter maintenance operations.

For communication the town is equipped with radios and its own frequency enabling operators to communicate amongst themselves, the Emergency Management Director and a Selectman.

Emergency situations that arise during a snow event may result in the diversion of equipment at the request of a police or fire officer, emergency management director or an incident commander, from a planned snow removal route, to respond to a motor vehicle accident, fire or a medical emergency. (RSA 154:7)

The town is not held responsible for damage to private property that is located within the public right-of-way (RSA 231:92-a). The right-of-way (ROW) is often 50' wide, and is often confused by property owners as their own property. In most cases, the ROW extends 10 to 20 feet from the edge of the paved or graveled road. Homeowners often cultivate extensions of their lawns, place mailboxes, erect fences or stone walls in these areas, which improves the appearance of the street greatly, but is obstructive to good roadway maintenance.

In the event of personal property damage, the Town of Sharon will only be responsible to repair or replace damaged property having been in actual contact with the snow removal equipment that is on private property and not within the public right-of-way.

RSA 215-A:6 states OHRVs are not permitted to operate on the traveled portion or within the right-of-way or any public way, including roads, streets, highways, bridges, parking lots, sidewalks or ways that are maintained by any city, town, county, state or federal agency, except when specifically allowed and posted. **It is unlawful to:**

- Operate as to endanger any person or damage property
- Operate on any road or within the right-of-way except where authorized and posted
- Chase or harass wildlife
- Operate on **town roads** or sidewalks unless posted for OHRVs
- Operate on or across any highway bridge unless posted as open for OHRVs
- Tow any person or sled without a rigid hitch.

The town does not allow snowmobiling on town roads.

It is important that people take into account and be aware of weather and road conditions while driving Sharon's roads. Please drive cautiously and safely at a reasonable rate of speed, so as not to endanger other vehicles and/or pedestrians.

## **TO ALL A SAFE WINTER**



## SHARON CONSERVATION COMMISSION



### **2010 Members**

**Liz LaRose (Chair), Ken Callahan, Anne Fischer, Don Hart, John MacEachran, Anne Booth, Susan O'Brien, Alternate: Mitch Call**

### **Land Protection**

The Sharon Open Space Committee, a sub-committee of the Sharon Conservation Commission, is in the process of developing an Open Space Plan for our Town. This will be a valuable planning tool that identifies the natural and cultural areas that our townspeople think are important to protect. The Committee, formed in July of 2010, includes all members of the Conservation Commission as well as Mitch Call, Planning Board Chair and Conservation Commission member; Marc Laplante, Select Board representative; and residents Joe Hart, Ian Coles, and Pete Paris. All interested residents are invited to join this committee. Open Space Committee meetings are at 6:30 on the second Monday of every month, preceding the Conservation Commission meeting.

Thanks to a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, the Open Space Committee is participating in the Monadnock Conservancy's *Monadnock Community Conservation Partnership* (MCCP) program, whose Director, Peter Throop, is leading us through the open space planning process and providing us with all the professional resources, mapping and state data needed to complete this project.

Community participation is essential to the creation of an Open Space Plan. The Open Space Committee has, therefore, been actively seeking input from all community members to develop this plan. The first step in the process was the Conservation Survey that was distributed to residents at the Town Picnic in August and then mailed to all residents in November. In addition, large scale town maps were distributed at the picnic on which residents, using sticky dots, identified natural and cultural areas of importance to them, with accompanying comments written in the map margin. The "dot" map and survey were also available at the Meeting House on successive Tuesday nights during October and November with an Open Space Committee member present to explain the project to residents coming for meetings or Town Clerk hours.

### **Town Forest**

**Signs:** Wooden trail signs marking the Sullivan Loop Trail off McCoy Road have been constructed, carved and mounted on posts.

**Trail Map:** The Commission next plans to develop a trail map for the entire Town Forest.

**Trails:** Trail maintenance is ongoing. Anyone interested in volunteering for a morning to help maintain or clear trails, please contact Ken Callahan of the Conservation Commission at 924-3726.

**New Trails:** A new trail has been laid out, but not yet completely cleared, across the Mathews conservation easement to intersect the Sullivan Loop Trail. The Commission also plans to cut a new trail in the Town Forest from Jarmany Hill Road that will access the existing trails.

### **Town Forest Timber Harvest:**

The timber harvest off McCoy Road is scheduled for late February of 2011 and will take about 2 ½ weeks. Consulting forester Swift Corwin plans to do a series (5 to 7) of 3 to 5 acre (the recommended size for wildlife openings) patch cuts on the lower section of the Town Forest which is the flat to the east of Meadow Brook. The purpose of the clearings is to introduce some early successional habitat into the Town Forest which is now lacking such habitat. This will break up the uniform forest canopy and create different aged timber. The patches are beneficial to moose, deer, grouse, woodcock and others. Swift would like to lay out these clearings to come up to and meet the edge of the wetland meadow that runs with the flowage. The purpose of this is to encourage whips that beaver can eat. The beaver will manage the level of the flowage and encourage a whole suite of diverse wildlife. A vegetation buffer will be left along the walking trail. Swift will notify the McCoy Road neighbors of the planned logging operation.

### **Water/Water Quality/Wetlands**

The Conservation Commission conducted water quality testing on the Gridley River for the tenth year in a row. This work was performed through the free NH Volunteer River Assessment Program. At key points throughout the summer water samples were collected at four sites on the Gridley River. The official Department of Environmental Services report on our water quality is soon to be published. Please feel free to contact the Conservation Commission for a photocopy.

Thanks to former Conservation Commission members Karen DeBonis and Selinda Chiquoine who volunteer their time to do this every year. We could not do this without you!

### **Membership**

In December, 2010 long-time member and chair Liz Larose retired from the commission. We very much thank Liz for her years of innovative leadership, hard work and dedication to our town!

Susan O'Brien joined the Commission as a welcome new member in October, but resigned in January, 2011 due to the press of unforeseen and serious circumstances.

**Fund Balances as of December 31, 2010:** Conservation Fund: \$118,354.84  
Town Forest Fund: \$ 91,420.23

### **Issues and Projects in 2011**

#### **2011 Members**

**Ken Callahan, Anne Fischer, Don Hart, John MacEachran, Ian Coles, Anne Booth, Alternate: Mitch Call.** Residents interested in becoming members of the Conservation Commission are welcome.

#### **Land Protection**

The Conservation Commission will continue to monitor and, in our advisory role to the town, comment on matters pertaining to properties of critical conservation interest to the town.

The Sharon Open Space Committee will hold a public hearing after further outreach to town residents regarding their knowledge of natural and cultural areas of importance in town. Completion of the Sharon Open Space Plan is scheduled for summer 2011. With the Open Space Plan in place, the Conservation Commission will continue to educate and encourage landowners to permanently conserve their land through conservation easements or donations to land protection organizations.

#### **Town Forest**

**Trails:** We will continue the maintenance of existing trails, and begin work clearing the Mathews Trail and the trail from Jarmany Hill Road.

**Timber Harvest:** Planned for late February, 2011, conditions permitting. Cold weather operation is a must in this location because it is wet.

#### **Water/Water Quality/Wetlands**

Karen Debonis and Selinda Chiquoine will conduct the eleventh year of water quality monitoring of the Gridley River.

#### **Conservation of "Place" & Sharon Culture**

The Conservation Commission will coordinate the 2011 Sharon Roadside Cleanup, planned for Saturday, April 30, 2011 on Route 124. Landowners are encouraged to pick up trash in front of their properties. Blue bags for roadside trash are available at the Peterborough Recycling Center or contact Anne Booth at 924-6425.

**The Sharon Conservation Commission meets on the second Monday  
of each month at 7:00 p.m. in The Meetinghouse.  
More information about conservation issues and activities is on the  
Town of Sharon Web Site: [www.sharonnh.org](http://www.sharonnh.org)**



# Town of Sharon

## Office of Emergency Management

### 2010 Report

2010 was a quite year again in the Town of Sharon.

We had our annual pumper drill with the Peterborough Fire Department in June and it was back at the Mill Road stand pipe. The test went well and if anyone would like to see the water flow report on this stand pipe or any of the water pumping test the town has done please contact me. We also have all the reports at the Meeting House.

2010 had its share of car accidents, nothing very serious and no fatalities. The usual cause is again speeding along Routes 123 and 124. There were two accidents involving animals, one was a deer strike on 123 and some damage to the car with no transport. The second was on 124 on the Sharon flats, one car and a 900 pound moose, the three in the car were transported to MCH with minor injuries.

We had no house fires this year, but a couple of chimney fires. Please have your chimneys and wood stove pipes inspected at least once a year. If you need more information on chimney cleaning or a company that provides that service, give me a call.

The Town of Sharon had a nice dry and sunny summer continuing into early fall. In fact it was so dry that the three areas we use for pumping water in case of fire were dry and not usable. This raises a question about the Town's water supply, and the ability to fight a major fire in a lower water condition. I know this is due to nature and the lack of rain. I observed that the standpipes at both Mill Road and Route 123 could be lowered and the pools around the stand pipe screens could be made wider and deeper. If anyone has any other comments, opinions, or information about this problem please contact me. I am working on gathering information and moving forward in an effective way to reduce the problem in the future.

We are still working on the radio upgrade program. So far four radios have been bought and replaced the oldest ones in the field. We still have a few more to go and one base station. I have had the FCC communications licenses renewed and upgraded for the narrow banding that will happen in 2013. This is for the Town's Emergency Management and Highway Department frequencies.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Greenwood  
Emergency Management Director  
603-321-5344

Marc LaPlante  
Deputy Emergency Management Director  
603-924-3463

## Report of the Fire Warden, Town of Sharon, 2010

Thanks to the cooperation of everyone in town, there were no wildfires in Sharon this past year. One unpermitted fire was extinguished by the New Ipswich Fire Department, but other than that, we had a quiet year. We thank you for burning brush only when conditions were safe.

A reminder of the **rules for open burning** in Sharon:

Common sense is most important. If it is windy, dry or if there is any reason to think that it might be dangerous to burn, wait and burn at another time.

**All outdoor fires require a burn permit.** The only exception is when it is actually raining (a steady soaking rain), or when there is significant snow cover. Winter is the best and safest time for burning big brush piles. Even when it is raining or there is snow cover, please check with a fire warden to be sure that these conditions are met. We will call Mutual Aid and tell them that a permitted fire is occurring at your home.

**The burning of residential trash is prohibited** by the State of New Hampshire. No burn barrels are permitted. “*New Hampshire law (RSA 125-N) prohibits the residential open burning of combustible domestic waste, effective January 1, 2003*”.

**Outdoor cooking fires** are allowed without a permit if they are contained in a suitable device, off of the ground, such as in a backyard grill. Open cooking fires on the ground require a permit.

Annual permits for **seasonal campfires** are available. These apply only to specific locations, which must be inspected annually by a fire warden. These permits are automatically void when fire conditions are dangerous (too dry and windy), and they are not permits for burning brush.

**All outdoor fires, without exception, must be extinguished at the end of the burn.** No outdoor fire may be left unattended at any time. Means of controlling and extinguishing the fire must be readily available, including a sufficient quantity of water to drown the embers. You are liable for the cost of extinguishing any fire which spreads, and for any damage the fire causes. Please be careful!

There is no charge for a permit. **Call any of the three fire wardens at any time for a permit.** When conditions, weather and location are deemed safe, a permit will be issued. If you are not sure of the local conditions or rules, call one of us for information. Please burn safely.

Ken Callahan  
Fire Warden  
924-3726

Peter Paris  
Deputy Fire Warden  
924-4078

Francis Guptill  
Deputy Fire Warden  
924-3013

**TOWN OF SHARON  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MARCH 9, 2010**

Moderator: Hampton Howard  
Selectmen: Harry Dermody, Chester Bowles, Marc LaPlante  
Selectmen's Assistant: Will Fenno  
Minutes: Mary Ellen Bushnell, Town Clerk  
Location: Sharon Meeting House, 432 Route 123, Sharon, N.H.

Moderator Hampton Howard called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**Results of the March 9, 2010 voting:**

**Town Officers**

Because there were no significant numbers of write-in votes, the vote count was not announced. All candidates ran unopposed and were elected as follows:

Moderator, 2 years:..... Hampton Howard  
Selectman, 3 years:..... Harry Dermody  
Treasurer, 1 year: ..... Susan Bowles  
Town Clerk, 1 year: ..... Mary Ellen Bushnell  
Trustee of Trust Funds, 3 years: ..... Tracy Tanner Craig

**Amendments to Zoning and Building Ordinance**

Article:	# of Yes votes	# of No votes
XX (new) Workforce Housing	79	17
VII, B.1, Amendment #2	84	11

**Contoocook Valley School District Voting**

Moderator Howard reported the results of the March 9, 2010 School District voting:

Question:	# of Yes votes	# of No votes
1	64	32
2	61	33
3	64	31
4	62	33
5	59	36
6	70	25
7	78	13
8	68	23
9	73	18
10	70	15

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to set the following amounts which shall be paid to the Town Officers for their services, or take any action relative thereto:

**COMPENSATION SCHEDULE**

Selectmen.....	\$1,800 per year
Selectmen's Assistant .....	\$18 per hour
Town Clerk .....	\$2,800 per year plus fees
Deputy Town Clerk.....	\$600 per year
Collector of Taxes .....	\$2,800 per year plus fees
Deputy Collector of Taxes.....	\$600 per year
Treasurer.....	\$1,800 per year
Trustees of Trust Funds.....	\$50 per year
Moderator .....	\$40 per session
Deputy Moderator.....	\$450 per year
Supervisors of the Checklist.....	\$450 per year
Fire Warden.....	\$150 per year
Deputy Fire Wardens.....	\$100 per year
Building Site Inspector.....	\$75 per permit issued
Emergency Management Director .....	\$500 per year
Emergency Management Director for disaster mgt .....	\$25 per hour, not to exceed \$500
Deputy Emergency Management Director .....	\$250 per year

**Motion to move Article 2 by Marc LaPlante, seconded by Will Fenno**

Discussion: Mr. LaPlante noted the only change since last year is the addition of a deputy Emergency Management Director, presently an unfilled position.

All in favor, Article 2 passes.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the purposes specified, or take any action relative thereto:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	AMOUNT
4130	Executive	\$19,000
4140	Election and Registration	10,200
4150	Financial Administration	22,500
4153	Legal Expenses	4,000
4191	Planning and Zoning	2,000
4194	General Government Building	4,000
4195	Cemeteries	1,000
4196	Insurance	4,000
4210	Police	74,714
4215	Ambulance	4,170
4220	Fire	44,552
4240	Building Site Inspection	450
4290	Emergency Management	1,900
4300	Highways	74,500

4316	Street Lighting	350
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	38,500
4411	Health Administration	300
4414	Animal Control	300
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals	996
4441	Welfare	4,000
4550	Library	5,508
4619	Conservation Commission	410
4711	Principal on Long Term Note	27,231
4721	Interest on Long Term Note	7,760
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation	300
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$352,641</b>

**Motion to move Article 3 by Bart Goodeve, seconded by Sue Bowles.**

Discussion: Will Fenno noted changes in the following accounts:

- 4140, Election and Registration: increased to cover local costs of 2010 mid-term elections.
- 4150, Financial Administration: increased to cover expected expenses, which were higher than anticipated in last year's appropriation.
- 4153, Legal Expenses: because legal expenses vary greatly from year to year, this amount has been reduced in the operating budget, while Article 7 proposes creating a reserve fund for Legal Fees.
- 4191, Planning and Zoning: last year's appropriation was higher with the expectation that a hired consultant might be necessary to assist with the Workforce Housing Ordinance. This wasn't needed, and historically the Board's expenses have rarely exceeded \$2,000 per year.
- 4194, General Government Building: anticipating installation of a generator (see Article 6), estimated cost of fuel has been added.
- 4210, Police: previously a separate warrant article, this account has been folded into the operating budget, and will not increase significantly in future years.
- 4215, Ambulance: The Ambulance appropriation covers two bills: \$1,301.48, the annual amortization payment for ambulance purchased five years ago, plus \$2,868.49, which is Sharon's 2010 share of reimbursement to the service for bills it is unable to collect, total \$4,169.97. The shortfall share is \$629 less than that for 2009, hence the \$629 decrease in appropriation.
- 4316, Street Lighting: For decades, the P.S.N.H. bills for our two streetlights have always totaled around \$260. Last year, the bills came to \$347 prompting the increase to \$350.
- 4324, Solid Waste Disposal: the economic slump has reduced the demand for recyclables from the Peterborough Recycling Center, thus raising the cost to taxpayers.
- 4411, Health Administration. The selectmen have hired a Deputy Health Officer (Peter Hopkins of Greenfield) who requires \$25 per hour for his services. Expenses are not expected to exceed \$300.
- 4414, Animal Control: the Town is required to remit a payment to the State annually for each dog licensed. Last year's expenditure was \$293, triple the amount appropriated in 2009. The appropriation is covered by collection of license fees.

- 4550, Library: the increase anticipates several more residents who might want a library card from the Peterborough Library
- 4619, Conservation Commission: most of this money goes to dues for various conservation organizations. One organization's dues are increasing \$25 this year, hence the \$25 increase from 2009.
- 4711 and 4721, Long Term Note: every year the amount of principle increases, and the amount of interest decreases. This Note will be paid off in 2016.

Several citizens expressed dismay at the cost of police coverage, questioned whether this service had been put out to bid, and proposed making an amendment to this line item. Regarding an amendment, according to RSA 32:10, i(e), voters may vote on specific line items, but these votes are advisory only and do not affect the selectmen's power to make transfers between lines, unless a line item is actually deleted or reduced to zero. That is, the selectmen are bound only by the bottom line voted upon. Mr. Goodeve pointed out that the selectmen would be unable to govern if they didn't have this authority, as anticipated expenses cannot be predicted with total accuracy.

A summary of the history of how the town came to contract police coverage from Peterborough reminded everyone that no other of the surrounding towns have been willing to discuss a contract with Sharon. The contract provides 24 hour protection to the residents of Sharon. A number of people noted that the Peterborough police have been exceptionally responsive when called on.

Under the leadership of Dr. Gerry DeBonis, a study group of concerned citizens has formed to investigate alternatives for providing less expensive police coverage for Sharon.

**There being no further discussion, majority in favor, and Article 3 passes.**

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,400 for appraisal services including general assessing, data verification and statistical update, Account 4150, or take any action relative thereto.

**Motion to move Article 4 by Chet Bowles, seconded by Will Fenno.**

Discussion: The money in this account represents an annual cost in a 5 year contract with Avitar for varying work and expenses.

**Majority in favor, Article 4 passes.**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400 to be placed in the Assessment Reserve Fund Account 4913.5, previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article

**Motion to move Article 5 by Chet Bowles, seconded by Will Fenno.**

Discussion: The purpose of this article is to add to the reserve fund in order to avoid a surge in the budget at the end of the five-year property assessment cycle.

**Majority in favor, Article 5 passes.**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,710, for the purchase and installation of an electric power generator and fittings for the Meeting House, Account 4903; and to authorize the withdrawal of the sum of \$12,710 from the Wilson II Fund for that purpose; or take any action relative thereto.

**Motion to move Article 6 by Chet Bowles, seconded by Will Fenno.**

Discussion: When the Meeting House was built, provision was made for installation of a generator. Though efforts have been made to get financial help from the state, none has been forthcoming. The Wilson II Fund specifically provides for using interest on the principle "for public purposes as the Town may from time to time determine." Should the state ever reimburse the town for all or part of the generator, that money will be returned to the Wilson II Fund.

There was a question about how many bids had been submitted. Mr. Greenwood explained that 3 bids had been submitted, and that he was not part of the selection process. Mr. Greenwood described the equipment that had been chosen.

**Majority in favor, Article 6 passes.**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote (1) to establish a reserve fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1-c for the purpose of financing the cost of the Town's legal fees and expenses; (2) to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to be placed in such reserve fund; (3) to designate the selectmen as agents to expend; or (4) take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

**Motion to move Article 7 by Chet Bowles, seconded by Will Fenno.**

Discussion: The purpose of this article provides a strategy, similar to other reserve funds, for keeping the operating budget more even from year to year, while providing for years when legal expenses are higher than usual.

**Majority in favor, Article 7 passes.**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Fund, Account 4913.2 previously established, or take any other action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

**Motion to move Article 8 by Marc LaPlante, seconded by Will Fenno.**

Discussion: This article appears annually for the purpose of building a fund against the time when a bridge must be replaced. It was noted that the bridge on Cross Road, while recently repaired, is been on the "red list" for replacement for a number of years.

**Majority in favor, Article 8 passes.**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Highway Repairs Fund, Account 4913.3 previously established, or take any action relative thereto. The selectmen recommend this article.

**Motion to move Article 9 by Marc LaPlante, seconded by Will Fenno.**

Discussion: This article appears annually for the purpose of building a fund against the time when a town road must be repaired or repaved.

**Majority in favor, Article 9 passes.**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to designate the following Class V highways as "highways to summer cottages" as authorized by the provisions of RSA 231:81,I:

1. That portion of South Road extending northerly from the driveway at number 1 South Road;
2. That portion of Swamp Road extending northerly from the driveway at number 31 Swamp Road;
3. That portion of Mountain Road extending northerly from the driveway at number 9 Mountain Road to the driveway at number 220 Mountain Road;

Or take any action relative thereto.

**Motion to move Article 10 by Will Fenno, seconded by Hampton Howard.**

Discussion: Mr. Fenno explained that this change in designation provides liability protection for the town. While the roads will not have locked gates — thus permitting access to the roads — signs will be posted announcing that users proceed at their own risk.

**All in favor, Article 10 passes.**

**ARTICLE 11.** (Submitted by petition) To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President:

Resolved: The citizens of New Hampshire should be allowed to vote on an amendment to the New Hampshire Constitution that defines "marriage."

**Motion to move Article 10 by Ben Olson, seconded by Will Fenno.**

Discussion: Several comments were offered to the effect that those who wish such an amendment should express themselves individually to their elected state representatives; that Town Meeting is not an appropriate venue for requesting a constitutional amendment.

**Almost none in favor, Article 11 does not pass.**

**ARTICLE 12.** To transact any other business which legally shall come before this meeting.

1. Marc LaPlante offered hearty thanks to Sally Dermody who has resigned as tax collector. He then introduced Lisa Hall who has accepted the position of tax collector.
2. Marc LaPlante recognized retiring Road Agent Peter Paris for his years of outstanding service to the Town, and thanked him for remaining as deputy Road Agent. Peter was further thanked by the assembled in a standing ovation. Marc then introduced Tim Keenan who has assumed the duties of Road Agent.
3. Will Fenno, on behalf of town officers and volunteers, asked those in attendance to consider becoming volunteers. There are two vacancies on the Planning Board, and no one has yet been appointed Deputy Emergency Management Director.

4. Liz LaRose, chair of the Conservation Commission, announced plans for Earth Day on Saturday, April 24. This year the focus will be to clean up Route 123 in Sharon. Volunteers should gather at the Meeting House at 9am that day; blue bags are provided. All residents are encouraged to clean up their own road frontage and are eligible for blue bags.
5. Selinda Chiquoine, who has headed up landscaping around the Meeting House, observed that the Red Brick Schoolhouse is in need of beautifying. She encouraged volunteers to sign up on the sheet by the door upon the conclusion of the meeting
6. Rory Goff, who maintains the town website, urged people to send him information of interest to the town folk for publication on the website. He has also created a mailing list for sending out broadcast messages to anyone who signs up.
7. Gerry DeBonis expressed great frustration with the lack of affordable and widely available broadband service in the town. A number of people chimed in, resulting in Gerry agreeing to head up an effort to do something about it – most likely trying to get FairPoint to bring DSL to the town. Anyone interested in joining the campaign should get in touch with Gerry.

There being no further business, Will Fenno moved to adjourn the meeting, Hampton Howard seconded, and the meeting ended at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ellen Bushnell  
Mary Ellen Bushnell, Town Clerk





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